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STUDENTS' UNION ELECTS NEW COUNCIL

Friday, September 25, was election day at the Altona Collegiate. In past years all three of the top executive positions have been hotly contested. This year, however, only the presidential candidates' names appeared on the ballot. Both other positions were won by acclamation. Mr. Harvey Toews was acclaimed vice-president, and Miss Betty Kehler was acclaimed secretary.

Both presidential candidates, Miss Dorothy Howe, a junior, and Grant Thiessen, a senior, appealed to the electors on similar platforms. Both called for a greater amount of co-operation from the students. Dorothy Howe, the new president, called for more spirit in all student ventures, curricular and extra-curricular. She expressed the hope that the students try to match their fine academic record with success in non-academic field. (See ELECTION, page 4)

editorial

WHY HAVE A SCHOOL PAPER?

Any newspaper or periodical exists primarily as a medium of communication. Through such a medium we are informed about local, national, or world affairs. Certain periodicals exist for the purpose of binding together people of like interests. They inform the members of a large group on matters with which the organization or group should concern itself. A school paper could do all of these. We need to be informed about local - that is, school affairs. There are certain matters with which we must concern ourselves if we are to function effectively as a group. We need to feel that we are a part of a community or group. The Collegian can fulfill all these needs and more.

The Student Council could use this publication as an instrument to guide student activities. All Council decisions and policies would be placed in the hands of every student. There would be no excuse for not knowing what the governing body intends to do or is doing. On the other hand, the student body could, through the Collegian, put pressure on the Council. No governing body should be allowed to legislate without being criticized. This criticism must, of course, be constructive whenever possible.

While speaking of communication, we might mention another important use of the Collegian. All too often the parents are not fully aware of what the school is doing. This publication could function very effectively as a liason between home and school.

The Collegian would provide those students interested in journalism with an opportunity to practise their talents. There is no limit to what an imaginative editor and staff can do.

A student paper would provide the school with valuable records of student activities. Very often we do not keep records of this nature. Then, when we do look back over the years, we find only marks and averages. Imagine the value of the Collegian to you when you're eighty-five!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Selection of Courses for 1965-66

With the construction of a new school building, it is the hope of the staff and the board of this collegiate that we will be in a position to offer the beginning of a diversity of courses and options. This will definitely depend on the enrollment, staff, and number of students desiring such advantages.

The previously mentioned factors will, therefore, decide how many of the following courses or options will be possible. Those under consideration will be the General Course, the Commercial Course, and the University Entrance Course in grade X. Home Economics and Shop will certainly be considered, as will such options as Biology and Geography in grades XI and XII and British History in grade X.

It should be obvious, however, that the courses can not all be started in all the grades in one year. The new courses must be started in grade X. In the second year they can be carried forward to include grade XI, while in the third year all three grades, X, XI, and XII, could conceivably be in effect. Thus it is noticed that it would require at least three full years before a course such as the General Course would be in operation throughout the senior grades.

The point of urgency, however, is this year. The present grade IX's will be the first grade to have to decide what course they will attempt. It is, therefore of utmost importance how they perform this year. Only through their present performance can the staff advisors arrive at any conclusion as to the best possible course for the individual student. Study habits, academic achievement, initiative, punctuality, and general attitude will all be strong factors to consider. These must be backed by a vigorous testing program of I.Q., aptitude, and interests.

We solicit the parents' assistance in helping us arrive at the best possible solution for THEIR CHILD.

ELECTION continued

Because of the circumstances under which student elections are held, the turn-out is always good. The turn-out this year was no exception with 96.8% of the eligible voters casting their ballots. Only 3.29% of the ballots cast were spoiled; most of these coming from the grade nines.

The remainder of the Student Council consists of class presidents and secretaries from each grade in the school. Elections for these positions were held on Thursday, October 1. Following are the results: senior president, Betty Friesen; secretary, Margaret Loewen; junior president, David Wiebe; secretary, Rita Loewen; sophomore president, Clifford Falk; secretary, Marlene Sawatzky; freshman president, Rick Janzen; secretary, Martha Dueck.

On Friday, October 2, each class elected one councillor per room to its class council. The lone senior councillor is Robert Buhr. On the junior council, Vic Friesen(XIA) and Ray Klassen(XIB) will serve as councillors. Janet Thiessen(XA) and Allen Buhr(XB) are the councillors on the sophomore council. The freshmen have the largest council with one councillor from each of the three grade nine rooms. Elected to these positions were Harv Reimer(IXA), Jim Wolfe(IXB), and Patricia Buhr(IXC).

CARTOONIST WANTED

This space could be reserved for cartoons relating to some aspect of life at the Altona Collegiate. All those interested should hand in their names to the editor.